

REMARKS

The Office Action has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claim 15 has been amended. No new matter has been added. Thus, claims 1-20 are currently pending. In view of the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims pending in the application are respectfully requested.¹

I. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 101 ARE MOOT

Claims 15-20 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Specifically, the Office Action alleges that the term “medium” can be broadly interpreted to “cover both transitory and non-transitory media.” While Applicants respectfully disagree, claim 15 has been amended to further clarify that the medium is a “non-transitory processor-readable medium” (emphasis added).

Accordingly, claims 15-20 recite statutory subject matter and Applicants respectfully request the rejections of these claims be withdrawn.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103 ARE IMPROPER

Claims 1-20 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,453,353 to Win *et al.* (“Win”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,698,398 to Lai.

A. Lai is not prior art

Lai does not qualify as prior art. Lai was filed on September 9, 2003 and claims priority to August 18, 2003 (as a continuation-in-part (CIP)). The filing date of the current application is June 19, 2001, which is earlier than both the filing date and priority date of Lai. As a result, the

¹ As Applicants’ remarks with respect to the Examiner’s rejections are sufficient to overcome these rejections, Applicants’ silence as to assertions by the Examiner in the Office Action or certain requirements that may be applicable to such rejections (e.g., whether a reference constitutes prior art, whether it is permissible to combine certain references, assertions as to dependent claims) is not a concession by Applicant that such assertions are accurate or such requirements have been met, and Applicants reserve the right to analyze and dispute such in the future.

purported rejections using Lai are improper and should be withdrawn.

B. Win fails to disclose each and every limitation of the independent claims

Independent claim 1 recites a method for integrating security and user account data in a reporting system with at least one remote repository comprising “enabling a user to submit user credential input to a reporting system, wherein the reporting system comprises an On-Line Analytical Processing (OLAP) decision support system (DSS),” “identifying an authentication process from a plurality of authentication processes comprising a standard-mode authentication, pass-through authentication, and anonymous authentication,” and “enabling the first server to apply the authentication process to authenticate the user against a remote repository using Open Database Connectivity (ODBC).” Applicants respectfully submit that Win, *inter alia*, does not disclose at least these limitations.

Win purports to disclose a network using role-based navigation among protected information resources (col. 1, lines 11-15). More specifically, Win appears to discuss a method and apparatus for controlling access to protected information resources by enabling organizations to register information sources and user information in a central repository (col. 5, lines 12-14). Win purports to allow administrators to implement access rules by defining roles that users play when working for an organization or doing business with an enterprise, thus forming an additive data model (col. 5, lines 21-23, 57-58). Nothing in Win teaches any type of On-Line Analytical Processing (OLAP) decision support system (DSS), a plurality of authentication processes comprising a standard-mode authentication, pass-through authentication, and anonymous authentication, and applying the authentication process to authenticate the user against a remote repository using Open Database Connectivity (ODBC), as claimed. These features are simply not disclosed or even contemplated by Win.

In fact, the Office Action acknowledges this and relies on Lai for these teachings. *See* Office Action at p. 5. However, as described above, Lai does not qualify as prior art and, therefore, does not and cannot remedy the deficiencies of Win.

For a proper rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), each and every claim limitation must be shown by the combination of references. The outstanding rejection fails to meet this requirement. Thus, the rejection is unsupported and should be withdrawn and allowance of the claim is respectfully requested.

Independent claims 8 and 15, as amended, recite similar limitations to that of independent claim 1, as amended. Therefore, independent claims 8 and 15 are allowable for similar reasons discussed above with respect to independent claim 1.

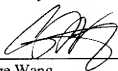
Dependent claims 2-7, 9-14 and 16-20 depend from independent claims 1, 8, and 15, respectively. Thus, since independent claims 1, 8, and 15 are allowable as discussed above, claims 2-7, 9-14 and 16-20 are also allowable at least by virtue of their dependency on independent claims 1, 8, and 15, respectively. For the reasons stated above, Win and Lai fail to disclose the claimed invention and therefore the rejections should be withdrawn and allowance of these claim is also respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that this application and all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that prosecution and allowance of the application will be expedited through an interview, whether personal or telephonic, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with any suggestions leading to the favorable disposition of the application.

The Director is hereby authorized to treat any current or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. Applicants also authorize the Director to credit and differences or overpayment of fees to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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